

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1-23 were amended. Accordingly, claims 1-23 remain at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the invention as disclosed in these claims is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to be directed to a method in a recording medium having a program for constructing a complex network. The specification discloses the implementation of the method in a recording medium to perform the program on page 30. Accordingly, no new matter has been added with this Amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' amendment to claim 1 obviates the § 101 rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention because the Examiner states that Applicants have failed to clearly set forth a practical application, i.e., lack of utility, for the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As discussed above, Applicants have amended claim 1 to be directed to a method in a recording medium having a program for constructing a complex network. Applicants


respectfully submit that Applicants' amendment to claim 1 obviates the § 112 rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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